

	MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM  Sponsoring Organizations of Homes POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL	ISSUED  12/90	REVISED  6/14	CHAPTER  2	SECTION  2.2
CHAPTER Chapter 2. Eligibility Requirements		SUBJECT 2.2 Family Child Care Homes			

Family child care homes can participate in the CACFP under the following conditions:

- The home is licensed by MDHSS Section for Child Care Regulation or a branch of the military, or is registered with the Family Support Division as a Registered Provider;
- The home is sponsored by a sponsoring organization;
- The home is nonresidential;\*
- Child care is conducted in a private residence.\*\*

\*A family child care home participating in the CACFP cannot provide day care to the same children for more than 24 hours on a regular basis. Situations may occur where a child may need to be housed overnight due to emergencies out of the parents' control. Thus, the child would be in care for longer than 24 hours. When an **emergency temporary residential** situation occurs, the children may continue to be considered nonresidential for the CACFP. Reimbursement may be claimed in temporary residential situations for up to three consecutive calendar days (72 hours).

\*\*This means that for the purposes of the CACFP, family and group child care homes are limited to the provider's own private residence, the private residence of another, or a rented or unoccupied private residence. Commercial properties, including churches or schools, are not private residences and are not eligible to participate in the CACFP as family child care homes.

The purpose of the group and family child care home is to assist small, home-based day care efforts operated by the individuals themselves in their homes. The key here is that the day care is provided to small groups of children in a private residence.

Family child care providers are limited to one home per provider. In instances where more than one provider operates out of the same residence, both individuals must be licensed or appropriately approved at the same residence, care for different children at different times, and each provider must participate under the same sponsoring organization.